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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRANSIT CLEARANCE TO GALAPAGOS

REF: QUITO A-121

1. DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF GOE RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE YACHT VISITS TO GALAPAGOS AND HAS MADE AMPLE USE OF VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM POSTS IN RESPONDING TO CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES REGARDING CONSTITUENTS' TRAVEL. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED REQUEST FOR TRANSIT PERMISSION AND WISH TO ASCERTAIN GOE POSITION IN THIS REGARD. ACCORDING TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY, TWO YOUNG COUPLES NOW ON WORLD TOUR VIA PRIVATE VESSEL PLAN TO VISIT SOUTH PACIFIC NEXT YEAR AND NEED TO STOP IN GALAPAGOS FOR PROVISIONS AND WATER. INABILITY TO DO SO WILL REPORTEDLY REQUIRE DETOUR OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES.

2. TWO COUPLES ARE MR. AND MRS. EDGAR HUNT AND MR. AND MRS. LLOYD DAVIDSON, ALL OF TENNESSEE, SAILING IN UNNAMED SAIL BOAT, LOA 39'11", LWL 28', BEAM 11'5", DRAFT 4'2"-9'6", DISPLACEMENT 22,000 LBS. THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN HONDURAS AND ARE HOPING TO PASS THROUGH GALAPAGOS IN FEBRUARY 1975 EN ROUTE TO MARQUESAS ISLANDS. FYI: THEY ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR TOURIST VISAS

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FOR 8 WEEKS STAY WHICH WERE APPARENTLY REFUSED. THEY

HAVE NOW DECIDED TO ELIMINATE ALL TOURISTIC GOALS AND
TO USE STOP STRICTLY FOR FOOD, REST AND WATER.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASCERTAIN IF TRANSIT
CLEARANCE TO GALAPAGOS AVAILABLE AND, IF SO, TO PROVIDE
ANY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATE TOWARD ISSUANCE NECESSARY
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